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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form.

The listed information was cited in the parent of the present divisional application, Application No. 09/930,137, and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. The Examiner is respectfully directed to the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for review of those documents. (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) and MPEP § 609.) Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that the listed information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portions of the enclosed PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of same to Applicants' attorneys of record.

The following applications were cited in the parent and have now been issued as the following U.S. Patents or Patent Publications:

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The following U.S. application was also cited in the parent application:

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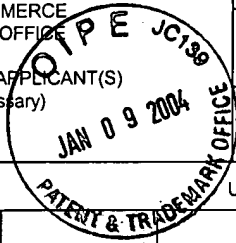
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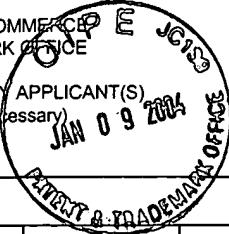
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